GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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ALLOTMENT OF LPG AGENCIES IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to allot LPG agency in every town or village with a population of 10000 or more ;

(b) if so, the number of LPG distributorships are likely to be sufficient to cater to the needs of the rural areas;

(c) the number of LPG distributorship existed in the rural areas; and

(d) the number of new LPG distributorships likely to be allotted for the rural areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MI OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

a) Since 1996-98, the Marketing Plans for setting up of LPG distributorships were prepared by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) taking into account the following:

i) All urban locations with a population of 10,000 and above by including the potential of adjoining villages falling within the radius of 15 Kms;

ii) All viable urban locations having a population of 5,000 and above by taking into account the potential of adjoining villages falling within 15 Kms radius;

iii) Viable locations having cluster of villages within 15 Kms. radius of nucleus villages having a population of 10,000 and above;

iv) Villages within 15 Kms. radius around towns having population of 1 Lakh and above to be surveyed for opening of LPG distributorships.

(b) to (d) OMCs have included 1247 locations for setting up of LPG distributorships exclusively for rural areas under various marketing plans. As on 1.10.2001, 217 LPG distributorships are operating exclusively in rural areas.